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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have submitted this Request for Continued Examination so that the Examiner may consider the alternate claims as modified herein. More specifically, Applicants have carefully considered the most-recent rejections set forth by the Examiner and in light of the Examiner's analysis, Applicants have now modified the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 USC sections 102 and 103. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references of record, whether considered alone, or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest the subject matter of the presently claimed invention. More specifically, Applicants have modified each of the independent claims to highlight the characteristic feature of the present invention directed to the compact nature of the light distribution structure of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the prior art references of record cited by the Examiner teach or suggest the characteristic features of the invention as now specified.

Applicants note that the present invention provides an improved compact light distribution structure that advantageously eliminates elements in the depth direction of the display thereby enabling a more compact structure for the display device of the present invention. Applicants have modified each of the independent claims to additionally specify: a light distribution layer having a prismatic surface facing toward the liquid crystal display device, the light distribution layer comprised of a second resin material layer applied directly on the diffuser, the prismatic surface being formed into a surface of the second resin material layer.

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In accordance with the present invention, because the second resin material that provides the light distribution structure is formed directly on the diffuser, the light distribution layer is closer to the diffuser and a thinner display device structure is possible. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references of record teaches or suggests the subject matter of the present invention wherein the light distribution structure is formed directly on the diffuser. In the prior art, additional layers were provided between the diffuser and the light distribution layer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references of record do not teach or suggest the subject matter of the invention as now specified.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now standing condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

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Respectfully submitted,


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